

Great Sand Dunes

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Great Sand Dunes National Park
and Preserve



Free Ranger-Guided Programs

July 20-26, 2014

Sunday July 20th

1:00 pm Discovery Activity - Discover how the Sand Dunes formed, why Medano Creek is unique, what's in the sand, and more! Visitor Center, 20 minutes

3:30 pm Afternoon Program - "Dunes Mystery" - Come discover the powerful forces which created the dunes and surrounding pristine environment that stands alone in mystery. Visitor Center, 30 minutes

8:30 Evening Program - "Dunes, Stars, and Mars" - Come arouse your curiosity with the wonder of interplanetary dunes and their place among the stars. Telescope viewing may take place at end of program; weather permitting. Amphitheater, 45 minutes

Monday, July 21st

1:00 pm Discovery Activity - Discover how the Sand Dunes formed, why Medano Creek is unique, what's in the sand, and more! Visitor Center, 20 minutes

3:30 pm Afternoon Program - "Rhythm of the Dunes" - Come discover the fascinating wildlife of the dunes! Visitors will get to produce percussion beats within this unique and diverse environment. Visitor Center, 30 minutes

Tuesday, July 22nd

1:00 pm Discovery Activity - Discover how the Sand Dunes formed, why Medano Creek is unique, what's in the sand, and more! Visitor Center, 20 minutes

3:30 pm Afternoon Program - "Wild about Bears" Join us to learn about Black Bears who inhabit this rich and complex environment. Visitor Center, 30 minutes

Wednesday, July 23rd

1:00 pm Discovery Activity - Discover how the Sand Dunes formed, why Medano Creek is unique, what's in the sand, and more! Visitor Center, 20 minutes

3:30 pm Afternoon Program - "Dunes Mystery" - Come discover the powerful forces which created the dunes and surrounding pristine environment that stands alone in mystery. Visitor Center, 30 minutes

Thursday, July 24th

1:00 pm Discovery Activity - Discover how the Sand Dunes formed, why Medano Creek is unique, what's in the sand, and more! Visitor Center, 20 minutes

3:30 pm Afternoon Program - "Art for All Ages: Drawing the Dunes" - Sketch the spectacular dunes, or whatever you imagine! Paper, chalk, and a short demonstration from a ranger artist provided free. Visitor Center, 30 minutes

8:30 pm Evening Program - "Sand, Sand Everywhere" - Join a park ranger on a road trip adventure across the United States as we discover amazing dune systems located all around the country! Amphitheater, 30 minutes

Friday, July 25th

1:00 pm Discovery Activity - Discover how the Sand Dunes formed, why Medano Creek is unique, what's in the sand, and more! Visitor Center, 20 minutes

3:30 pm Afternoon Program - "Lions, Tigers, and Bears...and Sand Dunes?, Oh my!" - Learn about the incredible critters that inhabit Great Sand Dunes National Park. Visitor Center, 30 minutes

7:00 pm Sunset Program - "Edible Plants in the Park" - Come enjoy some edible plant snacks and learn about beauty, diversity, and survival among the plant world at Great Sand Dunes. Sand Sheet Trail, Visitor Center, 30 minutes

8:30 pm Evening Program - "Who-Whoooo Lives Here?" - Come explore some of the darkest skies in the National Park System and learn about owls, their adaptations, and natural sounds. Amphitheater, 45 minutes

Saturday, July 26th

1:00 pm Discovery Activity - Discover how the Sand Dunes formed, why Medano Creek is unique, what's in the sand, and more! Visitor Center, 20 minutes

3:30 pm Afternoon Program - "Rhythm of the Dunes" - Come discover the fascinating wildlife of the dunes! Visitors will get to produce percussion beats within this unique and diverse environment. Visitor Center, 30 minutes

8:30 pm Evening Program – “The Dunes Yesterday...and Today!” – See the diverse ways people have experienced the dunes in the past... and how we enjoy the park today. Fun songs, real artifacts, prehistoric mammal fossils, and historic and contemporary photos will be included. **Amphitheater, 45 minutes**